advised to involve village communities and voluntary agenices to ensure protection and regeneration of degraded forest lands.

Assistance for the Environmental Projects by UK Government

3872. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether U.K. Government has offered to provide an assistnance of Rs. 300 crores for the environmental related projects in the country;

(b) if so, what are the environmental related projects to be funded by the U.K. assistance: and

(c) what are the conditions if any attached to the assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The United Kingdom has provided both technical and financial assistance for environment and forestry projects in lndia through the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) of the Government of the United Kingdom. The details of the projects for which Britain has offered assistance are given in Statement (see below). As in the case of other sectors, the ODA assisted projects in the environment and forest sectors are also carefully appraised before approval, monitored during progress against quantifiable targets and finally, assessed in a project completion report. In the recently concluded Aid India Consortium Meeting held in June-July, 1993. the United Kingdom have com-*milled to provide an amount of 60 million* pound sterling for a new environmental grant for India to be utilised over a number of years.

Statement

Sl. No.	Project description	Outlay/Status	State/Institution if any
1.	Karnataka Trees Project (Phase II)	Outlay US $ 23,58,700 in pipeline	Karnataka
2.	Wood Science Consultancy Project.	Pds. 293.800 in pipeline	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Bangalore.
3.	Assistance for Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding.	Pds. 649.700 in pipeline	ICFRE Coimbatore.
4.	Assistance for Forestry Eduction and Training.	Pds. 4.45 million in pipeline	Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy Dehradun.
5.	Forest Research Information System.	Pds. 182.650 In pipeline	ICFRE/Wild life Institute of India (WLI) Dehradun.
6.	Environmental Improvement of Madras Waterways.	Technical Assistance Programme-Ongoing and in its 4th year	Madras.
7.	Ganga Action Plan	Technical Assistance Programme. In its concluding phase	Sectoral Programme.
8.	CFC-Substitute Technologies Development of.	Technical Assistance	Sectoral Programme.
9.	Western Ghats Forestry Project.	Rs. 84.2 crores. Just commenced in April, 1992.	Karnataka.
10.	Gomti-Suyal Sub-watershed Management Project.	Rs. 13.34 crores proposed in pipeline.	Uttar Pradesh.
11.	Kulu Mandi Forestry Project	Pds. 100.000 to be launched	Himachal Pradesh.